[Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai.]

year, when the budget was presented, the contingencies that Government have been subsequently called upon to face could not be contemplated. A large number of prosecutions had to be conducted in different centres in the State and for that purpose, the members attached to the Advocate-General's Office, had to be deputed This has involved Government in additional travelling allowance expenses and daily allowances due to these officers.

This was a contingency which was not contemplated. Now bills are pending payment. On a modest estimate it is found that Rs. 800 would be necessary in addition to the allotment of Rs. 500 granted by this House in last Karkatakam.

As regards the second item, namely, the appointment of a temporary Government pleader to take charge of the ordinary routine work in the Quilon District and Sessions Court, the reason is that the Chengannur riot case has now been committed and posted for trial before the Sessions Court, Quilon. There are 146 witnesses to be examined in that case and also over 200 accused that have been committed for trial. This will evidently take more than 4 to 5 months and one Pleader will have to be engaged throughout the period for the case. There will then be only one Assistant Government Pleader in the Quilon Court, who has to see through both criminal and civil work. The honourable members could realise that one pleader will not be able to cope with that work and therefore an additional Government pleader has to be appointed. It is now proposed to appoint him only for a short period and therefore a sum of Rs. 875 is now demanded.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1675 under Demand III—Administration of Justice for meeting the expenses towards T. A. for the Advocate General's office as well as for the appointment of a temporary Government Pleader to conduct the Chengannur riot case in the Quilon Sessions Court.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

DEMAND X.— PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1000 under Demand X. Public Health and Sanitation. This amount is required for payment of house rent for the private building that has been taken on lease to house the office of the Public Health Director. It was formerly accommodated in a Government building known as the "Church View" bungalow near the vicinity of the Collegiate hostel. Latterly it was required for the University in connection with the organisation of the University Union. Hence it became necessary that the office of the Public Health Director should be shifted elsewhere. No Government building was available just then. A private building which for 11 years accommodated an important office of the State—I mean the Excise Commissioner's office, became available and practically for the same rent with some slight modification under

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the terms to the extent of reducing the annual maintenance grant which Government were bearing for years. There was no possibility of anticipating this expenditure at the time of framing the budget last year. There is also the fact that the proposal for starting a University Union matured only from the beginning of this year. A sum of Rs. 1000 is necessary therefore in this connection and I hope the House would sanction the grant.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1000 under Demand X.—Public Health and Sanitation—for payment of rent for the building in which the Office of the Director of Public Health is now housed.

The motion was put and carried and the grant made.

DEMAND XI—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INCLUDING WATER WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 4,13,767 under the following heads:

(i) Repairs to rain damages to tanks and channels in the Kodayar Project—Rs. 18,900.

(ii) Repairing the buildings at Oolampara for the accommodation of the Armed Reserve—Rs. 17,000.

(iii) Expenditure on account of the P. W. D. Advisory Committee—Rs 1,860.

(iv) Additional grant for the Water Works and Drainage Scheme in the State Rs. 3,76,007.

I shall now explain the necessity for the grant under each of these heads.

Regarding the restoration and improvement of the tanks within the area commanded by the Kothayar Irrigation Project, a committee was constituted by Government. At the meeting of the committee held at Nagercoil on 16-9-39 they ear-marked the provision of Rs. 25,000 made in the budget for 1115 for certain works which were considered necessary by them. These works will be attended to with the sanctioned allotment of Rs. 25,000. It is now found that to complete works in about 40 different tanks which need repair owing to rain damages of Medom 1114, funds to the extent of Rs. 9,000 are required. Some additional damages were caused to some other tanks during rains of Thulam and Vrischigom 1115 and the estimates are being prepared to carry out these works. It is to meet this expenditure that a provision of Rs. 5,000 is now asked for. Some of the tank-beds have also to be acquired as the restoration of these tanks, are necessary for irrigating ayacut wet lands lying close by. The Government have ordered to acquire the necessary lands on payment of compensation charges. The charges amount to nearly Rs. 4,900. On the whole a sum of Rs. 18,900 is required for repairs due to rain damages to tanks and channels in the Kothayar project area,

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